IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD

(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE TWENTY SECOND DAY OF MARCH
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

PRESENT

THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BILAL NAZKI

and
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE G.CHANDRAIAH

WRIT PETITION No.5559 of 2006

Between:

M/s.Southern Steel Limited,

Moula-Ali, Hyderabad – 500 040,

Rep. By its Managing Director,

Mr.R.K.Mittal.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The Commercial Tax Officer,

Maslkajgiri Circle, Hyderabad.

.....RESPONDENT

ORDER: ***(Per Hon'ble Sri Justice Bilal Nazki,)***

The grievance of the petitioner is that he received the show

cause notice on 31-12-2005, and although he had submitted a letter dated 12-01-2006 within a period of fifteen days granted to him by the respondent, requesting four weeks time to submit his reply, the respondent passed the assessment order without granting him the time sought for.

After hearing the learned Counsel for the parties, we feel that the interest of justice would be met by setting aside the assessment order dated 16-01-2006. However, the respondent is at liberty to pass an order of assessment afresh after giving a chance of hearing to the petitioner. The petitioner through his counsel is directed to appear before the respondent tomorrow i.e., on 23-03-2006. In no case, the respondent shall give further adjournment to the petitioner. After hearing the petitioner, the respondent may pass appropriate orders. No further notice is required to be given to the petitioner. The learned Government Pleader shall inform the respondent about the order passed by this Court.

Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of. No costs.

(Bilal Nazki, J)

22nd March, 2006

(G.Chandraiah, J)

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